

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA - Highlights from Household Expenditure Survey 2003-04

### By state:

- Between 1998-99 and 2003-04, total expenditure on goods and services in Western Australia increased by 28%, a figure that was higher than for Australia as a whole (26%).
- Western Australia did not record either the highest or lowest expenditure in any broad expenditure category.
- At the detailed expenditure items level, Western Australia had the highest expenditure on men's clothing (\$6 a week) and the lowest expenditures on electricity (\$15 a week) and on higher education fees (\$4 a week).
- Significant increases in expenditure over the five years from 1998-99 were on pay TV (up 545%), internet charges (up 350%), mobile telephone charges (up 259%), primary and secondary education fees (up 84%), health practitioners' fees (up 84%) and the interest component of mortgage repayments (up 72%).

### By capital city:

- Perth had the lowest expenditure on clothing and footwear (\$32 a week), although the highest on men's clothing (\$7 a week).
- At the detailed expenditure items level, Perth had the lowest expenditures on women's clothing (\$9 a week) and on higher education fees (\$4 a week).
- Perth had the highest expenditure in the area of household furnishings and equipment (\$65 a week). Within this category, Perth also had the highest expenditure on household appliances (\$16 a week).
- Significant increases in expenditure over the five years from 1998-99 were on pay TV (up 417%), mobile telephone charges (up 242%), internet charges (up 217%), health practitioners' fees (up 120%) and the interest component of mortgage repayments (up 79%).

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
Average weekly expenditure (\$)	938	888	820	814	871	753	1,038	1,052	883
Mean gross household income per week (\$)	1,212	1,134	1,036	1,033	1,098	897	1,401	1,399	1,128

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